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LETTER DATED 28 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 11-20 June 1995.

11 June 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Chabaish.

3. On 11 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0856 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1055 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1147 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1345 hours.

12 June 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 45 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 12 June 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0917 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1044 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1039 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1227 hours.

The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1315 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1417 hours.

13 June 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Amadiyah, Mosul and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Samawah and Busayyah.

14 June 1995

1. Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Shanafiyah and Artawi.

3. On 14 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0915 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1028 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1320 hours.

15 June 1995

1. Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Shaqlawah and Zakho.

2. Southern region: 41 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 15 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0900 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1100 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1355 hours.

16 June 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Mosul, Dohuk, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 49 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih and Shatrah.

3. On 16 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0720 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0840 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1050 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1207 hours.

17 June 1995

1. Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

2. On 17 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0855 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1050 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1218 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1355 hours.

18 June 1995

1. Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah and Shanafiyah.

2. At 1550 hours on 18 June 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1713 hours.

19 June 1995.

1. Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Aqrah, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 116 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

20 June 1995

1. Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Aqrah, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 99 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. At 1005 hours on 20 June 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1214 hours.

4. At 2130 hours on 20 June 1995, a formation of hostile aircraft dropped 10 heat flares on the village of Suwayf in the Saddamiyat al-Qurnah district.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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